

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, 95 percent of the cotton crop has reached the squaring stage compared with 91 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Fifty percent of cotton has reached the setting bolls stage compared with 62 percent last year, and 12 percent has reached the bolls opening stage compared with 10 percent last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central and Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, mixed melons, and watermelons. Generally, Pasture and Range conditions were rated mostly very poor to poor. In the Northeastern and East Central part of the State, soil moisture and range conditions seem to be improving and fire restrictions have been cut back. In the North Central and Northwestern part of the State, Monsoon rains have been the typical feast or famine. Most areas have received some precipitation filling tank waters, but some areas still have poor soil moisture conditions. New forage is beginning to appear, but it will take like another week before it is sufficient to feed livestock. In the South Central part of the State, some scattered thunderstorms were received. For the week ending on July 22nd, all but 3 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Desert Ridge, Maricopa, and Phoenix Airport reporting the least at 0.01 inches while Prescott reported the most at 4.52 inches. Twenty-four of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 112 degrees at Parker, and the lowest was 50 degrees at Grand Canyon. Twenty-eight of the 48 reporting stations reported temperatures of 100 degrees or greater.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Squaring.....	95	94	91	92
Setting Bolls.....	50	40	62	60
Bolls Opening.....	12	--	10	3

NA – not available

(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	6.5	6.5	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	3	--	NA
Short.....	8	7	--	NA
Adequate.....	89	86	93	NA
Surplus.....	2	4	7	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	3	--	NA
Short.....	7	6	1	NA
Adequate.....	90	87	99	NA
Surplus.....	2	4	--	NA

NA – not available

(--)- zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	3
Poor.....	6	5	14	5
Fair.....	23	23	27	17
Good.....	41	40	25	40
Excellent.....	29	31	34	35
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	--	--	--
Fair.....	58	63	16	10
Good.....	34	29	73	57
Excellent.....	6	8	11	32
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	68	68	21	26
Poor.....	21	20	22	20
Fair.....	8	8	27	30
Good.....	3	4	24	21
Excellent.....	--	--	6	3

NA – not available

(--)- zero

Arizona’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-07222018.pdf

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